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Friday, February 13, 1953

Ellen and Jim drove us from Buckingham Ferry to Hardieville, where I rented a truck for 25 dollars to convey the dogs and our 17 pieces of baggage to Charleston.

We reached the Kittredges' house at 54 Hasell Street about one o'clock, and Ben took E and myself to lunch at Yeaman's Hall. Afterwards to his own place Dean Hall (the house now abandoned) and a long walk through the five miles of paths in the spectacular Cypress Gardens. He loses money maintaining this wonderful achievement of his father, who died at the age of 92, after devoting the last twenty-five years of his life to developing the gardens.

Dinner at the Kittredges' for twenty odd people. I sat between Carola Kittredge and Josephine Pinckney, the latter a famous Charleston novelist and poetess. Many charming people. It was for Gertie Weeks who later delivered a lecture with movies to a large audience in one of the big local auditoriums on her last trip to Africa.

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